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Please add new claim 34:

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34. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the entities affiliated with

one or more documents include geographic areas affiliated with the one or more

documents.

REMARKS

The specification and claim 20 have been amended to correct errors. New claim 34 has been added. Support for claim 34 can be found, for example, on page 11 of the application, lines 9-12 and 22.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

According to the present invention, a technique including a method and system for identifying an entity with an expertise is provided. In an [exemplary] example, the invention provides a method for web based searching of a database or databases in the health care field. The database can be selected from custom or commercial databases, e.g., Medline, etc.

IN THE CLAIMS:

- 1 20. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the entities affiliated
- with one or more documents include [institution] institutions affiliated with the one or
- 3 more documents.

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